

## FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF RAPID TRANSIT

Two substitute bills for the House bill to extend the franchise of the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Co. by the Legislature, and that action thereon within six months following the action by Congress.

The first one provides for the termination of the franchise at any time after January 1, 1930, by act of the Legislature, when the company shall be paid by the Territory of Hawaii, or any political division thereof within or including the Island of Oahu, the cost of its property less depreciation subject to any then existing indebtedness. It is a similar provision to that in the Hilo street railway franchise just passed by both houses.

It is further provided that after July 1, 1917, two and one-half per centum of the gross transportation receipts of the company shall be paid to the treasurer of the City and County of Honolulu, the first payment to be made in January, 1918, and thereafter annually in January.

The act shall take effect by proclamation of the Governor, after its approval by Congress, and when he shall have received notice from the company that it has accepted the terms thereof by a majority vote of all its shares outstanding; provide that ac-

The second bill forbids the use of steam cars between Diamond Head and the western boundary of Kalihi, and between the sea coast and a line drawn parallel thereto a mile and a half distant therefrom, but allowing cars propelled by internal combustion engines to operate within those bounds between 11 p. m. and 7 a. m. and at such other times as may be approved by the Superintendent of Public Works.

It also amends a paragraph of the present charter extending the range of the five-cent fare condition, thus: Instead of the description, "for a continuous ride anywhere between Diamond Head and Moanalua, or Makai of a line drawn parallel to the sea coast and one and a half miles distant therefrom, not to exceed five cents," the amendment puts "Koko Head avenue" in place of "Diamond Head," and "three" in place of "one and a half." This would ensure the Kaimuki, Manoa and upper Nuuanu

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## ORTERIC, DUE NEXT WEEK, HAS 1,503 IMMIGRANTS ON BOARD

The Territorial Board of Immigration, in its desire to place the laborers who are coming here in the Orteric, due about April 13, has written to a number of plantation managers asking their advice on certain points, and giving them information concerning the immigrants coming.

She has on board 1,503 persons, of whom 197 are children of working age, 341 children of school age, or thereabouts, and 132 infants. There are about 570 Portuguese and 930 Spaniards. The Board does not think it necessary for plantation representatives to come to Honolulu to seek employees, as these can all be allotted here by the Board, which wants to place the people where they will be most contented, and, consequently, most useful. The immigrants will be dispatched just as fast as possible to be plantations requiring their services, and there will be no unnecessary delay at this end.

With a view to assisting in making these allotments in the most satisfactory manner, the Board has asked that the plantation authorities desiring laborers supply the following information: The names and towns or districts of origin of all Spanish laborers employed; the number of Portuguese employed, and the names and places of origin of any Portuguese employed who expect friends or relatives by the Orteric.

Nearly all the Portuguese on the Orteric are from the mainland of Portugal.

Considering More Russians. The Board also desires to know the number of Russians employed by plantations, as well as the length of service and wishes to know whether the managers consider it advisable, from their experience of Russian workers, to arrange to bring a few Russian families by each arriving steamer upon a proper guarantee that these families are actually farm laborers.

So far, of course, the Board has not had time to receive replies to these allotments in the most satisfactory manner.

## KAU DITCH PROPOSITION IS APPROVED BY THE SENATE

The Judiciary committee of the Senate, of which Judd is chairman, this morning reported on the Senate Kau ditch concurrent resolution, recommending that Congress be requested to authorize the construction of a ditch between Hilo and Kau.

The committee makes certain amendments to meet objections that were raised at the public hearings, whereby there is provided the appointment of a commission of three to

determine what price the ditch company shall pay to the territory for the use of government lands through which the ditch can run. The committee points out that the measure is advisable and that the taxes in the districts affected should show an increase of \$60,000 a year as a result of the enterprise.

There are about 8,000 acres which can be watered by the new ditch. Incidentally there are now about 1200 acres fit for homesteading.

## ALASKA LABOR WITNESSES APPEAR IN CIRCUIT COURT

With the finding of indictments by the grand jury against Frank B. Craig, Baltazar and Alvarado in connection with the recruiting of laborers for Alaska, the police court proceedings against the three defendants terminated and nolle prosequis were entered in each case.

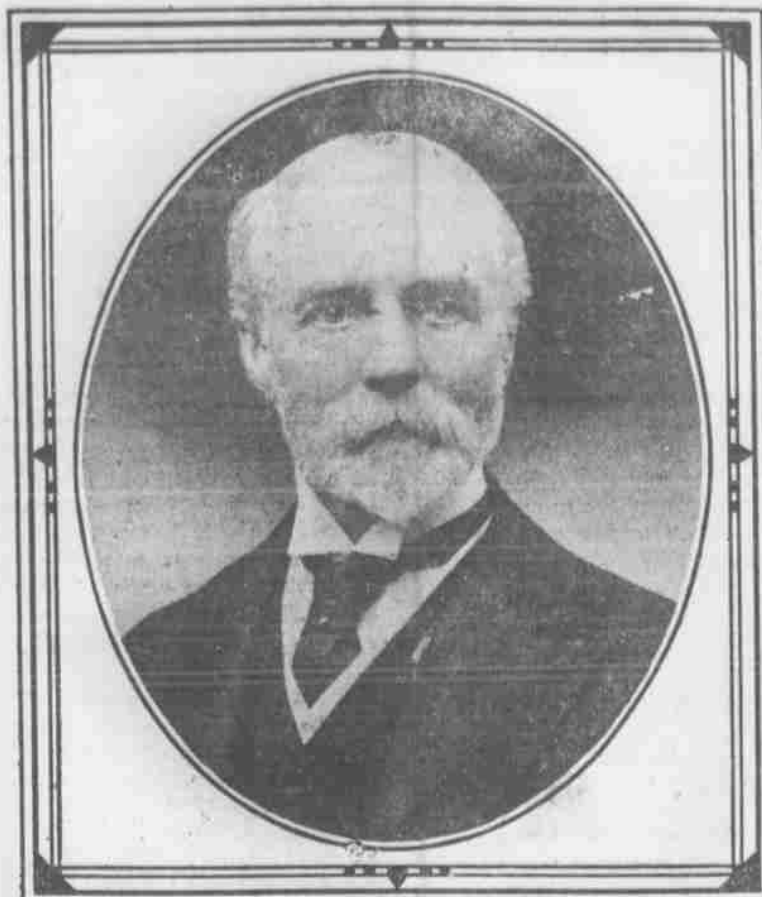
The scene has now changed to the Circuit Court, before First Judge Henry E. Cooper, but this morning's proceedings were purely of a formal

nature, excepting that Attorney E. M. Watson brought up the objections raised by Attorney W. A. Kinney to his (Watson's) appearing as counsel for the defendant Baltazar.

The three defendants were indicted by the grand jury for having on March 20th and thirty days preceding unlawfully engaged in the business of em-

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## REID SAYS BRITISH WANT PEACE



WHITELAW REID, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN.

The speech by Sir Edward Grey, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, warmly approving President Taft's proposal of an unlimited arbitration treaty with Great Britain, has attracted the attention of the whole civilized world. Ambassador Reid has advised the State Department at Washington that all parties in England unite in favor of the plan, and it is expected that negotiations of a treaty will soon begin. Some of the European press say such a treaty would be almost an alliance insuring peace.

## LESS SUNDAY WORK AT POSTOFFICE HERE AND ALL OVER COUNTRY

Postmaster Pratt has issued the following notice:

United States Post Office Notice. Discontinuance of Sunday delivery of mail by "Letter Carrier" at Carriers window.

"Complying with instructions received from the Honorable Postmaster General that Sunday service at Post Offices be reduced as much as practicable, in order that clerks and carriers may have one day of rest each week, the delivery of mail by letter carriers at carriers window on Sunday morning be discontinued after this date.

"It is suggested that patrons, accustomed or expecting to receive important business letters on vessels arriving at Honolulu on Sunday, kindly request their correspondents to affix Special Delivery Stamps to such letters, hereby insuring prompt delivery by messenger to place of address without the necessity of calling at the Post Office. Respectfully, J. G. PRATT, Postmaster."

The change in the Sunday service is made in accordance with a long declared policy of the Postmaster General, who sought special legislation on the subject and has issued instructions calling for the most liberal possible treatment of all employees in connection with Sunday work. In the session of Congress which ended last month a section was added to the law providing that in cases where Sunday work is necessary, compensatory time shall be allowed on week days, to those who do the Sunday work.

"There is a very strong sentiment throughout the country in favor of closing postoffices on Sunday," says a letter received by Postmaster Pratt from Washington, and in accordance with these instructions Pratt is putting in effect the order given at the head of this article, with a view of limiting the Sunday work to the real needs of the community.

## MRS. HERBERT'S WILL IN COURT

Hawaiian Trust Co., Ltd., petitions for probate of the will of the late Clara Louisa Herbert, in which it is nominated as executor. The value of the estate amounts to \$16,000, consisting of real estate in Honolulu worth \$15,000, and personalty, effects and cash \$1800. The dispositions of the property made by the testatrix are as following:

To her daughter, Severina Lucy Walters, the portrait of herself.

To her daughter, Clara L. English, her gold watch and gold chain.

To her daughter, Clara L. English, the portrait of her grandmother, for life and then to her daughter, Severina Lucy Walters and her heirs, the portrait not to be sold, given or bequeathed outside of the family by any of them.

To her daughter, Severina Lucy Walters, subject to the use and enjoyment of her husband, Allan Herbert, during life, and on the express condition that she pay \$2000 each to her daughter, Clara L. English, and her daughter-in-law, Emma Miller, at or before the final administration of her estate, her real estate, including improvements, bounded by Makiki,

Beretania, Kinau and Keeaumoku streets in fee simple. The provision for her husband is in lieu of dower and not construable as a right to make profit by renting any of the property.

Her daughters, Severina Lucy Walters and Clara L. English, all the rest and residue of her estate, or if either should predecease her to the one surviving. Both surviving they are to divide her personal and household effects by alternately choosing articles, Clara L. English to have the first choice.

It is directed that no bond be required from the executor. The will was executed on April 23, 1910, in presence of J. E. O'Connor, W. P. Fennell and F. D. Creedon.

### TROOPS TO STAY.

Cable advices were received today at Army headquarters to the effect that the two battalions of the Twentieth Infantry now in the Philippines have had their departure from those islands deferred, which means that the battalion at Fort Shafter, Honolulu, will remain on Oahu for several more months than was expected, the plans being for the Honolulu contingent to join the Manila boys on the return to the States, going home together.

## CONGRESSMAN STARTS INQUIRY ABOUT TROOPS

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Congressman Berger introduced a resolution demanding the withdrawal of American troops from the Mexican border and calling for transmission to Congress of all papers and documents bearing upon the recent military activity.

### House Adopts Rules.

The House today adopted rules which provide for the election of standing committees by the House. Another rule was adopted permitting the addition of riders to appropriation bills only when they tend to retrenchment.

### PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—A. G. M. Robertson has been nominated for Chief Justice of Hawaii and C. F. Clemons for District Judge.

The skeleton dispatch merely says: "Nominated for Chief Justice Clemons," but we take this to be an error of transmission. On March 7 the appointments of Robertson and Clemons were officially announced.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The President has nominated Captain Badger for Rear-Admiral and J. C. Napier for Registrar of the Treasury.

### TAFT URGES RECIPROCITY.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Taft's message to Congress urging the Canadian reciprocity bill was read today in both houses.

### A DISASTROUS CLOUDBURST.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., April 5.—A million dollars' damage has been caused by a cloudburst.

### ANOTHER SOCIALIST MAYOR.

MANITOWIC, Wis., April 5.—This city has chosen a socialist for mayor.

### HEADS A PEACE FORUM.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Taft has accepted the honorary presidency of the International Peace Forum.

### SWEDISH HERO FUND.

STOCKHOLM, April 5.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$230,000 to establish a Swedish hero fund.

### ROOSEVELT LAYS CORNERSTONE.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 5.—Colonel Roosevelt laid the cornerstone today of the Multnomah Athletic club house.

### SOCIALISM VOTED DOWN.

MILWAUKEE, April 5.—The head of the Socialist ticket in this city was beaten by 14,011 majority. The others were defeated by two to one.

### MORNING CABLE REPORT.

ROME, April 5.—During a solemn service at St. Peter's, an insane man named Pesauti stood up in the congregation near the altar, and screaming denunciations of the Pope, opened fire with a revolver upon the canons. He was instantly seized and disarmed. Pesauti told the police he had intended to kill the Pope.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Carter H. Harrison was elected mayor for the fifth time by a majority of 17,000.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 5.—The Mexican government has ordered ten batteries of mortars and 20,000,000 rounds of small arms' ammunition from France. It was a rush order.

DENVER, April 5.—The "wets" won the election yesterday throughout the State defeating the County option candidates. In Victor, a mining center, the socialists made a clean sweep. Lasalle, another mining town, chose a prizefighter for mayor.

## PRACTICAL PLAN TO HELP FARMERS HERE

Dr. Victor S. Clark, secretary of the Territorial Board of Immigration, will, the periods at which these vegetables and fruits are produced in this morning concerning the board's desire to look after the small farmer.

"In the first place," said the doctor, "we do not consider that the small farm proposition is so hopeless as it is sometimes represented. Under the present law the Board of Immigration has no authority to spend money for the investigation necessary to suggest a policy relating to homesteads. If the present bill passes we have in mind undertaking the following investigations:—

"First, we would like to have a thorough inquiry made by a competent man assisted by local men, in each of the principal homestead districts of the Territory covering such points as: the time the homesteader has been in the district; his success or failure with the different crops he has experimented with; the seasons best adapted for raising particular crops in each district; the particular pests encountered; the prices obtained in local markets for any produce sold; the volume of the local demand for each particular product; and the cost of transporting each product from the district in question to Honolulu.

"When I was on the coast recently I was informed by a number of commission merchants that they could use a considerable amount of our produce at certain seasons at very high rates."

"J. W. Kershner was arrested this afternoon and charged with having assaulted R. J. Berger with a deadly weapon. It seems a dispute arose, and in the mix-up that followed Kershner is said to have hit Berger with a piece of brass piping laying the coast markets for the vegetables his head open."